

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-5-18**

Date Prepared: May 14, 1998

For Work Week Commencing: May 18, 1998

Business Meeting Date & Time: May 18, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. PacificCorp Docket D97.7.91 - Discussion on procedural matters in hearing to be raised by PacificCorp and Large Customer Group (5/18/98)
2. MPC Docket D97.7.90 - MPC's Motion for Reconsideration on 21-mill buyback (5/18/98)
3. Electric Territorial Integrity, Exclusive Service Territory Agreements - Discussion, direction, and action on electric territorial integrity matters (5/18/98)
4. L-97.1-RUL - SB396 rules gas restructuring - Discussion and action on proposed rules (5/18/98)
5. USWC Docket D96.8.131 - USW Depreciation - Review of draft final order approving second phase depreciation rate increase and accounting mechanism for deferred implementation (5/18/98)
6. Docket D97.9.167 - Proxy Cost Docket - Discuss the memo containing a draft of most sections of the order (5/18/98)

7. Dockets No. D98.1.2, D97.7.135, D98.3.61, D97.12.246, D97.12.247, D97.10.207, D98.3.59, D98.3.55 - Numerous Interconnection agreements and amendments to interconnection agreements - Review and vote on draft orders in these dockets (5/18/98)
8. Clark Fork Telecommunications Non-Docket N98.4.87 - Internet tariff filing - Discuss Commission policy in approving tariffs for non-regulated internet filings (5/18/98)
9. L-98.5.1-RUL Utility Notice Rule - Action on draft rules (5/18/98)
10. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.4.91 (Nina)

On April 28, 1998, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 98-18 "Clean-Up Filing-Release Numbers." The filing corrects inconsistent Release Numbers impacted by the delay of approval of the Residential WinBack Tariff, and the order in which Start Up Business revisions and Coin Deregulation were approved. This was a notice item on 5/11/98. Staff recommends approval.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.4.92 (Vicki)

On April 28, 1998, US West filed tariff pages to introduce a surcharge of \$.30 on those 1-800-US WEST Calling Card completed calls which originate from pay phones. On October 7, 1997, the FCC mandated a \$.284 payment to payphone providers for dial around access. Dial around access includes 1-800 calls and 10XXX calls.

3. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.4.90 (Tina)

On April 28, 1998, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 98-17 to add the description for Residence Voice Messaging Service, Extension Mailbox, to the definition section of the tariff. The service and the rates for the service were approved by the Commission in Docket N98.1.9. The definition was inadvertently omitted at that time.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.5.102 (Tina)

On May 7, 1998, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 98-22 to correct an error in the side-bar coding in regard to Extension Mailbox.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

GFG Docket D98.3.68 - On May 7, 1998 an NSA granting intervention was served

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-5-26

Docket N98.5.102 USWC COMMUNICATIONS (Tina)

New Filings Received in Past Week

D98.5.101	MPC - Gas Tracker
D98.5.102	U S West Communications "Clean Up Tariff page"
D98.5.103	U S West Communications - Resale Agreements
D98.5.104	Mountain Water Company - Request Authority to increase rates
D98.5.105	Yellowstone Valley Elec Coop - Elec Service Territory Agreement